

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Hints about Work.

An account should be opened with every field upon the farm, and with every kind of stock kept, commencing with the first of the year. Each field should be named or numbered, and whatever seed or manure goes into or upon that field, should be charged at fair prices, just as if it were sold to a neighbor. When the crop is sold or used, the crop should be credited to the field just as if it had been received in payment from a neighbor. If some of it is fed to stock, the stock should be charged with the value, if it had been bought for them; and the field credited with the amount. To commence the accounts, an inventory should be made, and the value of everything fairly estimated and put down. If any work has already been done upon a field, that should be charged to it. It may not be very easy at first, but very soon will be, and when once it has been begun it will be kept up. Do not mind some mistakes at first.

Stock should be well fed at this season. Do not spare feed, but do not waste any. It is easier to keep flocks on an animal now than to put it on in March.

Perfect cleanliness should be the rule in all stables, pens and sheds. Filth is the most frequent cause of disease. Too much warmth is not healthful. Pure air, dry beds and clean skins will keep off dead animals in stock condition.

Icy paths and roads are dangerous to man and beast. After every fall of snow, the roads should be broken down, a snow-plow or a stone-boats, and the paths shoveled out or packed down in a similar manner. A heavy task drawn along the paths will clear off or pack down the snow. Cob and sand are the best materials to scatter upon roads and paths when they become smooth and slippery. In the South, where mud prevails at this season, dry paths and drained yards will be a great addition to comfort.

Work horses should be either shod or protected in some secure manner against slipping upon icy roads. Sharp carks are dangerous, and many horses are badly blemished by them. The rubber overshoe is an excellent device. We do not advise the use of sharp carks when they can be procured.

Incoming cows should be well cared for. Some laced cake meal or bran in their feed will do harm, but a roomy stall or loose box should be provided in which the cow may remain at night without being tied. Milking cows will be benefited by a pailful of milk-warm water with two quarts of bran or milled sugar stirred in it twice a day. Cold water for drink will greatly reduce the quantity of milk.

Young stock will need close attention to keep them thriving and free from disease. A mixture of lard and kerosene oil rubbed along the backbone from head to tail will free them from lice. Young animals need better protection from cold than full grown ones, which have thicker hides, and are better furnished with fat as a protection from the cold.—*Agriculturist.*

Domestic Hints.

BEST APPLE PIE.—Take a deep dish, the size of a soup plate, fill it heaping with peeled tart apples, cored and quartered; pour over it one teacup of molasses, and three great spoonfuls of sugar, dredge over this a considerable quantity of flour, and pinch it down tight, to keep the syrup from running out. Bake about an hour and a half. Make several at once, as they keep well.

PAN DOWDY.—Put apples pared and sliced into a large pan, and put in an abundance of molasses or sugar, and sweeten if the apples have little flavor; roll thin, or make a pie crust. Cook a long time, and then break the crust into the fruit in small pieces. Children are very fond of this, especially if well sweetened and baked a long time.

Active Life.

The trouble is, Barnum, the showman, seems to do our work superficially; we dash ahead to make a fortune and retire; that is a great mistake. About eight years ago I tried it. I had three names burned. After the second one, I considered it a notice to quit. So I bought a house on Murray Hill, kept my country seat and retired. I felt very happy to think I had retired. Well, I went along that way about two years, till I got rusty. One day a physician, brother-in-law to Baron Shantz, came to see me and said: "I hear you have retired." "Yes." "Well, you are going to die." I suppose so, sometimes. "No, but very soon." When you Americans retire, you always die. That's all right, but all business till you get rich, and right in middle life you retire, and your brain, hitherto active, shrinks from disease; your skull don't shrink; that creates a vacuum, and you die." Well, I have no doubt there is a great deal of truth in that. I took his advice and started a traveling show; I got on my programme and told some pretty big stories; then I thought I ought to keep to them and had to work pretty hard to them; and I did not care to see me again and said: "Well, you have got into business again?" "Yes." "Well, you did not tell me to work yourself to death; a man of yours, (over fifty) cannot exert his brain as much as a man twenty-five." The doctor was quite right.

Murder Will Out.

THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL says that the Wainwright case resembles that of the woman Brown, for the murder of whom a man named Greene was tried and convicted in 1837. On this occasion the body of the murdered woman was cut into three portions—the head was found at Paddington, the trunk in the City of Brooklyn, from New York, and the limbs six weeks afterward in the district of Camberwell. The identity of the body was clearly made out, in spite of this attempt to defeat justice. In the Wainwright case the evidence shows that an attempt had been made to dispose of the body by burying it under the floor of a room, a quantity of chloride of lime being thrown over it and freely mixed with the earth of the grave. This was the mode in which the Mannings, husband and wife, of the body of a man named O'Connor, of whose murder they were convicted at the central criminal court in 1849.

BAD FOR PAPA.—"Pa, are you in favor of the Bible in the public schools?" asked a youngster at the breakfast-table the other morning. "Why, of course I am," responded the father, pleased that such an important subject should engage the attention of his youthful offspring. "What do you ask such a question, my son?" "Oh, nothing," rejoined young hopeful; "only I thought maybe you wasn't as you never have had a home." The urchin dodged, but he wasn't quick enough.

The Spaniards have derived much comfort from a cable dispatch announcing that the British government would probably defer answering for the moment the circular note of Mr. Fish, and as they fancy they would have the support of England in any conflict with America, they may be expected to be more grandiloquent, now, in their patriotic declarations, than ever.

UNITED STATES PUBLIC DEBT.

An Interesting Statement of the Financial Condition of the Nation.

The increase of nearly two million dollars in the public debt of the United States last month is attributable to the large sum paid out for the expenses of the war, and whatever seed or manure goes into or upon that field, should be charged at fair prices, just as if it were sold to a neighbor. When the crop is sold or used, the crop should be credited to the field just as if it had been received in payment from a neighbor. If some of it is fed to stock, the stock should be charged with the value, if it had been bought for them; and the field credited with the amount. An inventory should be made, and the value of everything fairly estimated and put down. If any work has already been done upon a field, that should be charged to it. It may not be very easy at first, but very soon will be, and when once it has been begun it will be kept up. Do not mind some mistakes at first.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM HOME AND ABROAD. Charles R. Hubbard, a prominent citizen and tax collector of Bellows Falls, Vt., committed suicide by hanging himself in a barn at Saxtons River village. Financial embarrassments were probably the cause. The grand vizier of Turkey recently asked the Pope to use his influence with the Catholic insurgents in Herzegovina with a view of peace, and the Pope accordingly instructed Cardinal Franchi to inquire into the condition of affairs.... The Catholics of Germany expect to celebrate the day of Archibishop Lodowichowski's liberation from prison.... The debt statement for December, 1874, which is the lightest month of the fiscal year, the receipts last month fell off in revenue, usual for the month of December. The receipts last month from customs were less than eight million dollars, and nearly three millions less than in November, which was the lightest of the first five months of the present fiscal year. Compared with December, 1873, there was an increase of \$1,015,022, while the debt statement for December, 1874, of \$3,650,067.88.... Archduke Rudolph, king of Imperial Austria, will be crowned prince of Hungary July.... The Duke of Württemberg, prince of Württemberg, was arrested at Würzburg, Germany, for murder. He maintained to the last that the night of the murder was a black to him.... At Coburg, Mo., burglar broke into a drug store and stole a bottle of chloroform with which they drugged the whole town. They robbed both hotels, at the stores, and many private residences. They secured several thousand dollars and escaped.... At Milwaukee a new telegraphic invention was sent over one wire at once.... An additional horizontal building is to be erected on the Centennial grounds, to accommodate the applicants for space in what will be exhibited flowers, plants, etc.... Gov. Tilden has declined to pardon Stokes, who killed his wife Johanna, by stabbing her with a butcher knife.

Lord Northbrook will return to England in April next, and Lord Lytton will be appointed to succeed him as viceroy of India.... News has been received that a conspiracy has been discovered in Belgium to make Karlsruhe with reigning prince of Saxe. Several arrests have been made. Prince Milan does not venture to leave his palace.... The American Rowing Association of American colleges has decided upon Saratoga Falls for its race.... Harvard announced her intention of withdrawing from the association after the race of the present year.... The annual oration of the University of Vermont, presented a bill to the legislature for the redemption of legal tender United States notes in accordance with the existing law. It is authorized to issue the notes of the treasury to the association after the race of the present year.... 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